GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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Pepper Production
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pepper production in the country during the last three years and the current year;
(b) whether pepper production has declined during the said period;
(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
(d) the measures taken by the Government for increasing the production of pepper?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (c): The production of pepper in India during the last three years and current year is given below:
(Production in MT)
Year 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
2016-17(P)
Total 37,000 70,000 48,500
55,500
(P) Projected
The production of pepper in the country during the last three years shows a fluctuating trend. The major reason of the decrease in pepper production during 2015-16 can be attributed to lesser production in the State of Kerala on account of drought and untimely rains.

(d): Several programmes for development and production of spices, including pepper, such as area expansion, rejuvenation/rehabilitation of old plantations, establishment of processing unit, Integrated Pest Management (IPM)/Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), organic farming, creation of water resources, micro irrigation, post-harvest management, development of market yards, Human Resource Development, etc. are implemented through State Horticulture Mission under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) of Government of India. Government implements through the Spices Board various export development, post-harvest and quality improvement programmes for spices including pepper.
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